

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

**Book People, Inc., VBK, Inc.,
American Booksellers Association,
Association of American Publishers,
Authors Guild, Inc., Comic Book
Legal Defense Fund
*Plaintiffs,***

v.

**Martha Wong, Keven Ellis, Mike
Morath,
*Defendants.***

Civil No. 1: 23-CV-00858-ADA

**DEFENDANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL AND
DESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY IN CHARGE**

Defendant Mike Morath, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, files this Unopposed Motion to Withdraw and Designation of Attorney in Charge and in support shows the following:

1. Current lead counsel of record is Christina Cella, formerly Assistant Attorney General for the General Litigation Division. Ms. Cella has accepted the position of Special Counsel for Legal Strategy for the Attorney General of Texas.
2. Amy Pletscher, Assistant Attorney General with the General Litigation Division, who previously appeared in this case has been assigned as Attorney in Charge.

3. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court permit Christina Cella to withdraw as Counsel of Record and designate Amy Pletscher as Attorney in Charge.

Dated February 7, 2024

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

In accordance with Local Rule CV-7 and AT-3, on February 7, 2024, I conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs regarding the relief sought in this motion. Plaintiffs are unopposed to this motion.

/s/ Christina Cella
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 7, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsels of record.

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